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DIARY NOTES

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1. General [REDACTED] reports that the audit of Project PBSUCCESS should be completed sometime next week.

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2. I asked [REDACTED] to expedite the work that he has been doing on agreements with the [REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED]

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3. Asked Larry Houston to get to me as soon as possible the procedures which the Security Office had worked on concerning the handling of Security Hearing Boards.

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4. Obtained the Director's approval to spend a little over \$1,000,000 for the remaining construction [REDACTED] A cable has been dispatched to the field authorizing the necessary action. *H*

5. Discussed with Jim Garrison the problem of slotting two WB-9 truck drivers who have not had regular assignments since their positions were eliminated sometime ago. The Office of Personnel has suggested that Jim give up two administrative positions in the Transportation Division, set up two WB-9 positions, and assign these individuals to them. Personnel is afraid that the Agency is liable to get into a racial discrimination charge if these people are declared "surplus" and they would hope to avoid it in this way. I agreed with Jim on the following procedure:

- a. If he actually needs two WB-9 drivers in the Transportation Division and these individuals are qualified for the positions, he should accept the recommendation of the Office of Personnel and proceed accordingly.
- b. If he does not need these two positions he should give tests to the individuals concerned for the two WB-11 positions (heavy truck drivers) he has vacant. If they can qualify they should be placed in these positions. If they cannot qualify, then they will be excess to the needs of the Transportation Division and made available for reassignment.

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7. I asked Shef to install a telephone in Mr. Kirkpatrick's car.

8. Jim Garrison reports that arrangements have been made to transfer the two 500 kw transmitters from the General Services Administration to Radio Free Europe. However, the IO Division has requested that we take no further action until they give us the green light. H

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9. Agreed with Jim Garrison that [REDACTED] salary would be fixed at grade GS-15 and that we would re-examine the matter at a later date to determine whether this or a higher salary should be set up for the job.

10. Met with Harry Reynolds and George Meloon to discuss the new arrangements in the DD/P area. They had a pretty foggy understanding of this whole business and seemed to think that in addition to my office Frank Wisner would set up a senior coordinator. I assured them that this was not my understanding; rather, that I would set up the senior coordinator for Frank Wisner. They also seemed to think that they should take over all of the personnel positions in the area divisions on the Office of Personnel T/O. I told them that I would not approve of this action and warned them against making any move in this direction. H

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In summary, I emphasized that all we were trying to do at this time was to merge Mr. [REDACTED] staff with mine and that any steps beyond that should definitely not be considered or discussed at this time. They also seemed concerned about the handling of career service boards in the DD/P area, but I must admit that I don't really understand what their problem is in this regard.

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11. Larry Houston and I met with the following officials of the General Services Administration: Max Elliott, General Counsel, A. J. Walsh, Commissioner, Emergency Procurement Service, and Mr. Morton, [REDACTED] representative. In our discussion of [REDACTED] it was pointed out that there was still some possibility [REDACTED] and

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that we should continue to work on this angle. Further than this, however, it was agreed that Mr. Elliott and Mr. Houston would brief Mr. Lyle Fisher on the whole matter and obtain his advice as to whether the Department of Justice should be briefed. Mr. Houston and I indicated that we were ready and willing to brief the Department of Justice at any time if GSA and Lyle Fisher thought it was the appropriate thing to do.

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